

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
DOCKETING STATEMENT--CIVIL/AGENCY CASES**

Directions: Counsel must make a **docketing statement (civil/agency) filed** entry in CM/ECF within 14 days of docketing of the appeal, or within the due date set by the clerk's docketing notice, whichever is later. File with the entry the (1) docketing statement form with any extended answers and (2) any transcript order form. Parties proceeding pro se are not required to file a docketing statement. Opposing counsel who finds a docketing statement inaccurate or incomplete may file any objections within 10 days of service of the docketing statement using the ECF event-**docketing statement objection/correction filed**.

Appeal No. & Caption	25-1243, Richard Grenell v. Olivia Troye
Originating No. & Caption	1:24-cv-00646 (RDA/WEF), Richard Grenell v. Olivia Troye
Originating Court/Agency	United States District Court for Eastern District of Virginia

Jurisdiction (answer any that apply)		
Statute establishing jurisdiction in Court of Appeals	28 U.S.C. § 1291	
Time allowed for filing in Court of Appeals	30 days	
Date of entry of order or judgment appealed	02/27/2025	
Date notice of appeal or petition for review filed	03/13/2025	
If cross appeal, date first appeal filed		
Date of filing any post-judgment motion	03/14/2024 (Petition for Fees)	
Date order entered disposing of any post-judgment motion		
Date of filing any motion to extend appeal period		
Time for filing appeal extended to		
Is appeal from final judgment or order?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If appeal is not from final judgment, why is order appealable?		

Settlement (The docketing statement is used by the circuit mediator in pre-briefing review and mediation conducted under Local Rule 33. Counsel may make a confidential request for mediation by calling the Office of the Circuit Mediator at 843-731-9099.)		
Is settlement being discussed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Transcript (transcript order must be attached if transcript is needed and not yet on file)		
Is transcript needed for this appeal?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Has transcript been filed in district court?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is transcript order attached?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Case Handling Requirements (answer any that apply)		
Case number of any prior appeal in same case		
Case number of any pending appeal in same case		
Identification of any case pending in this Court or Supreme Court raising similar issue	If abeyance or consolidation is warranted, counsel must file an appropriate motion.	
Is expedited disposition necessary?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, motion to expedite must be filed.	
Is oral argument necessary?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does case involve question of first impression?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does appeal challenge constitutionality of federal or state statute in case to which federal or state government is not a party	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, notice re: challenge to constitutionality of law must be filed.	

Nature of Case (Nature of case and disposition below. Attach additional page if necessary.)
<p>This case involves Plaintiff-Appellant's suit against Defendant-Appellee for defamation and defamation per se. Specifically, Defendant-Appellee stated, in response to a question as to whether someone has proof that Plaintiff-Appellant "used to hang out with Nazis," stating, "I do." Defendant Appellee continued, stating, "Grenell tried to get Mike Pence to attend a white supremacist gathering during one of his overseas trips." Both of these statements are false and defamatory.</p> <p>The district court erred, granting Defendant-Appellee's motion to dismiss, finding the statements were incapable of a defamatory meaning and did not qualify as defamatory per se. In lieu of filing an Amended Complaint, Plaintiff-Appellant filed his notice of appeal.</p>

Issues (Non-binding statement of issues on appeal. Attach additional page if necessary)

Whether the district court erred in dismissing Plaintiff-Appellant's Complaint for failure to state a claim.

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